

of W-151 and W-155. W-155 airspace lies over the Gulf of Mexico south of Pensacola, Florida, which extends for about 75 nm. All locations for the construction of new facilities will be on Tyndall AFB.

The USAF is planning a series of public scoping meetings on the following dates and times at the indicated locations:

1. Apalachicola—Community Center, No. 1 Battery Park, March 9, 1999, 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.
2. Marianna—Chipola Junior College, Public Service Building, 4487 Long House Court, March 10, 1999, 7:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.
3. Tallahassee—Florida State University, Moore Auditorium in the Oglesby Student Union Building, March 11, 1999, 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.
4. Panama City—Gulf Coast Community College, Gardner Seminar Room, March 12, 1999, 7:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.

The purpose of these meetings is to solicit comments relevant to the scope of issues to be considered in the EIS and to identify significant environmental issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS from government agencies, private organizations, and the public. Questions or clarifications concerning the proposal, or any other information, will be answered as they relate to the scope of the effort anticipated. The Air Force will consider all reasonable alternatives offered.

The scoping meetings will provide opportunities for clarification of the proposal. Written comments and questions submitted at the meeting or any time during the formal scoping period will be considered in their entirety and will carry the same weight as oral comments.

To ensure the USAF has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, comments should be submitted to the address below by March 15, 1999. For further information concerning the preparation of the F-22 Conversion EIS, or to provide written comments, please contact: Mr. Herman Bell, Tyndall Air Force Base, Public Affairs Office, 325 FW/PA, 445 Suwannee Road, Suite 129, Tyndall AFB, Florida 32403.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for Pilot Testing Neutralization/Supercritical Water Oxidation of VX Agent at the Newport Chemical Depot, Indiana

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.
ACTION: Record of decision.

SUMMARY: This announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) which documents and explains the Department of the Army's decision to construct and operate a facility to pilot test the chemical neutralization process followed by supercritical water oxidation (SCWO) as a potential disposal technology for agent VX stored at the Newport Chemical Depot (NECD).

ADDRESSES: To obtain copies of the ROD, contact Ms. Mona Harney, Newport Outreach Office, 140 South Main Street, Newport, Indiana 47966.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Catherine Herlinger at (800) 488-0648 or (410) 463-2583.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army has determined that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) adequately addresses the potential impacts of the Army's actions relating to the disposal of agent VX stored at NECD. The Army has also determined that the conclusions in the Final EIS establish that the decision to pilot test the chemical neutralization process followed by SCWO at the preferred site provides maximum protection to the environment, the general public, and workers at the pilot test facility. The Army plans to dispose of up to 615 tons of agent VX stored at NECD consistent with the terms of the ROD. The alternatives considered in this Final EIS are the proposed action and no action (continued storage of VX in ton containers). Although the no action alternative is not viable under Public Law 99-145, it was analyzed to provide a comparison with the proposed action. In addition, the no action alternative would not comply with Public Law 102-484, which specifies that Army must consider using a technological alternative to incineration.

At one time, the option of sending the neutralization hydrolysate to an off-site treatment facility was under consideration by the Army. However, technical and programmatic evaluations concluded that off-site treatment is not suitable at this time. Based on the results of these impact analyses, it is concluded that conducting pilot test operations at NECD is the preferred

environmental alternative for implementing the neutralization process, followed by SCWO.

Copies of the ROD can be obtained by calling the Newport Outreach Office at (765) 492-4445. Questions may be forwarded to the Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, ATTN: SFAE-CD-P (Ms. Herlinger), Building E4585, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-4005; or via e-mail at cherlin@cdra.apgea.army.mil.

Dated: February 10, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: On January 5, 1999, a 60-day notice inviting comment from the public was inadvertently published for the Vocational and Technical Education National Centers in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 484) dated January 5, 1999. This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collection (1890-0001). Therefore, this notice amends the public comment period for this program to 30 days. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, hereby issues a correction notice on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Since an incorrect public notice was published on January 5, the Department of Education is correcting the end date to the 30 days as required for discretionary grants instead of 60 days.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comment should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW,